

REMARKS

This paper is submitted in response to the pending Office Action for the subject application.

In the application are claims 1-17. In the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that the present application contains claims directed to two distinct groups of the claimed invention, Group I (claims 1-11) and Group II (claims 12-17). As required under 35 USC § 121, Applicants elect Group I.

Applicants respectfully submit that a consistent test with respect to what matters are obvious and what matters are unobvious throughout the prosecution of this application should be used. Since a particular standard for patentability is adopted in this case in terms of the election/restriction requirement, Applicants will expect that the same test be used throughout the prosecution of this application or any derivative applications.

Accordingly, after entry of this response, claims 1-11 will be pending in this application, with claims 12-17 withdrawn. Applicant notes that claim 2 is amended to correct a typographical error.

CONCLUSION

Withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 12-0415.

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